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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Hideshi TEZUKA

SERIAL NO: 10/699,825 GAU: 1775

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FOR: LONG-LIFE HEAT-RESISTING LOW ALLOY STEEL WELDED COMPONENT AND METHOD OF

MANUFACTURING THE SAME

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